Rice mills in Travancore.

63. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of rice mills in the State;

(*b*) whether such mills contribute in any way to unemployment among the poor people; and

(*c*) whether the rice, milled in these mills is deficient in nourishing properties?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) 253.

(*b*) Yes, to a certain extent.

(*c*) Milled rice is found to be inferior to home pounded rice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether they have got any control over the establishment of the mills in the State?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know with regard to answer to part (*c*) whether they have taken any expert or scientific opinion in this matter?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

Kuruppampadi Kottickal road.

64. *MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether on the Kuruppampadi Kottickal road several shrubs and thorns overhang from either side of it between its 2nd and 5th miles causing obstruction to cars and other vehicles?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: No; shrubs and other overhangings are being removed as often as they come up.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know the distance of the road which is kept in good condition?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: About 6 miles of the road are kept in good condition.

Construction of the Alamthuruthi Bridge.

65. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was the construction of the Alamthurthi bridge on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road commenced;

(*b*) the details of the works done hitherto; and

(*c*) the reason for the delay for the completion of the construction?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) 7-5-1938.

(*b*) Masonry and iron works.

(*c*) Due to the failure of the selected lowest tenderer who absconded and the delay in getting the wood required for the wooden decking ascu treated.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the years of the budget when provision was included for the construction of this particular bridge?

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